

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Migration Regulations 1994

PLACES AND CURRENCIES FOR PAYING OF FEES

(Paragraphs 5.36(1)(a) and 5.36(1)(b))

1. This Instrument is made under paragraphs 5.36(1)(a) and 5.36(1)(b) of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations) and revokes Instrument IMMI 14/006 (F2014L00646) made on 26 May 2014.
2. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify a place, (Australia or a foreign country), and the relevant currency to use when paying a fee when applying in a foreign country for a visa to enter Australia.
3. The Instrument operates to specify the places in which payment of a fee must be made and the currency in which a fee may be paid in that place.
4. The instrument has been updated to include the Nigerian Naira as an acceptable currency for Nigeria.
5. Consultation is unnecessary as, under section 18(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the Instrument is of a minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 17737).
7. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Human Rights Statement of Compatibility is not required.
8. The Instrument, IMMI 14/102, commences on 3 November 2014.